

In the Claims

Please enter the following amendments to claims 1, 12, 23 and 33 as follows. No new matter is being added.

1           1. (Currently amended) A method for determining a billing rate of a mobile  
2 telecommunications connection associated with a mobile telecommunications unit (MU),  
3 comprising the steps of:  
4           determining whether a location of the MU is inside or outside a predetermined  
5           subsidized zone;  
6           responsive solely to a determination that the location of the MU is inside the  
7           predetermined subsidized zone, adjusting the billing rate for the  
8           telecommunications connection to a first predetermined billing rate; and  
9           responsive solely to a determination that the MU is outside the predetermined  
10          subsidized zone, adjusting the billing rate for the telecommunications  
11          connection to a second predetermined billing rate.

1           2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the first predetermined billing  
2 rate is less than the second predetermined billing rate.

1           3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the location is defined by latitude and  
2 longitude.

1           4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the location is determined by a Global  
2 Positioning System (GPS).

1           5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the location is defined by Universal  
2 Transverse Mercator (UTM) numbers.

1           6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein information corresponding to the  
2 predetermined subsidized zone is stored in a database.

1           7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the predetermined subsidized  
2 zone information comprises a time period, and wherein the billing rate is reduced when the  
3 telecommunications connection occurred at least in part during the time period.

1           8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the predetermined subsidized  
2 zone is defined by a geographical point and a radius.

1           9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the predetermined subsidized  
2 zone is associated with a proximity to a commercial establishment and the commercial  
3 establishment pays the first predetermined billing rate.

1           10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the predetermined subsidized zone is one  
2 of a plurality of predetermined subsidized zones, each associated with a proximity to a different  
3 commercial establishment.

1           11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the billing rate is reduced by  
2 a first amount when the location of the MU is within a first predetermined subsidized zone, and  
3 the billing rate is reduced by a second amount when the location of the MU is within a second  
4 predetermined subsidized zone.

1           12. (Currently amended) A system for determining a billing rate of a mobile  
2 telecommunications connection associated with a mobile telecommunications unit (MU),  
3 comprising:  
4           a processor;  
5           memory for storing computer readable instructions that, when executed by the  
6           processor, cause the system to perform the operations of:  
7           determining whether a location of the MU is inside or outside a predetermined  
8           subsidized zone;  
9           responsive solely to a determination that the location of the MU is inside the  
10          predetermined subsidized zone, adjusting the billing rate for the

11 telecommunications connection to a first predetermined billing rate;  
12 and  
13 responsive to a determination that the MU is outside the predetermined  
14 subsidized zone, adjusting the billing rate for the telecommunications  
15 connection to a second predetermined billing rate.

1 13. (Previously presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the first predetermined  
2 billing rate is less than the second predetermined billing rate.

1 14. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the location is defined by latitude and  
2 longitude.

1 15. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the location is determined by a Global  
2 Positioning System (GPS).

1 16. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the location is defined by Universal  
2 Transverse Mercator (UTM) numbers.

1 17. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein information corresponding to the  
2 predetermined subsidized zone is stored in a database.

1 18. (Previously presented) The system of claim 17, wherein the predetermined subsidized  
2 zone information comprises a time period, and wherein the billing rate is reduced when the  
3 telecommunications connection occurred at least in part during the time period.

1 19. (Previously presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the predetermined subsidized  
2 zone is defined by a geographical point and a radius.

1 20. (Previously presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the predetermined subsidized  
2 zone is associated with a proximity to a commercial establishment and the commercial  
3 establishment pays the first predetermined billing rate.

1           21. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the predetermined subsidized zone is one  
2 of a plurality of predetermined subsidized zones, each associated with a proximity to a different  
3 commercial establishment.

1           22. (Previously presented) The system of claim 21, wherein the billing rate is reduced by  
2 a first amount when the location of the MU is within a first predetermined subsidized zone, and  
3 the billing rate is reduced by a second amount when the location of the MU is within a second  
4 predetermined subsidized zone.

1           23. (Currently amended) A computer program product for determining a billing rate of a  
2 mobile telecommunications connection associated with a mobile telecommunications unit (MU)  
3 comprising a computer-readable medium containing computer program code for performing the  
4 operations of:

5           determining whether a location of the MU is inside or outside a predetermined  
6           subsidized zone;  
7           responsive solely to a determination that the location of the MU is inside the  
8           predetermined subsidized zone, adjusting the billing rate for the  
9           telecommunications connection to a first predetermined billing rate; and  
10          responsive solely to a determination that the MU is outside the predetermined  
11          subsidized zone, adjusting the billing rate for the telecommunications  
12          connection to a second predetermined billing rate.

1           24. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 23, wherein the first  
2 predetermined billing rate is less than the second predetermined billing rate.

1           25. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 23, wherein the  
2 location is defined by latitude and longitude.

1           26. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 23, wherein the  
2 location is determined by a Global Positioning System (GPS).

1           27. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 23, wherein the  
2           location is defined by Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) numbers.

1           28. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 23, wherein  
2           information corresponding to the predetermined subsidized zone is stored in a database.

1           29. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 28, wherein the  
2           predetermined subsidized zone information comprises a time period, wherein the billing rate is  
3           reduced when the telecommunications connection occurred at least in part during the time period.

1           30. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 23, wherein the  
2           predetermined subsidized zone is defined by a geographical point and a radius.

1           31. (Previously presented) The system of claim 23, wherein the predetermined subsidized  
2           zone is associated with a proximity to a commercial establishment and the commercial  
3           establishment pays the first predetermined billing rate.

1           32. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 23, wherein the  
2           predetermined subsidized zone is one of a plurality of predetermined subsidized zones, each  
3           associated with a proximity to a different commercial establishment.

1           33. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim ~~23~~ 32, wherein the  
2           billing rate is reduced by a first amount when the location of the MU is within a first  
3           predetermined subsidized zone, and the billing rate is reduced by a second amount when the  
4           location of the MU is within a second predetermined subsidized zone.